

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Natsu no Maboroshi
Other known title(s): Not stated
OFLC ref: 1700731.000
Medium: Comic
Author: Takanae Kyourin
Publisher: Not stated
Country of origin: Japan
Language: Japanese
Applicant: Comptroller of Customs

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None
Display conditions: None
Date of entry in Register: 09 April 2018
Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision: 09 April 2018

Summary of reasons for decision:

This is a sexually explicit Japanese hentai book whose narrative deals with a girl, who presents as a young child, being sexually abused by an older male character. Its purpose is to sexually arouse those with a interest in children and it encourages adults to regard children as appropriate subjects for sexual fantasy. It therefore promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes in terms of s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) and is therefore deemed to be objectionable. While the classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as per the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2)(a) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable.